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## from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

### EXCISE TAX CUTS

President Johnson asked Congress this week to cut excise taxes on many of the things we buy.

Some excise taxes, such as those on jewelry and toilet goods, are levied on retail sales.

Others, including those on autos, television sets, radios, appliances, sporting goods, photographic equipment and musical instruments, are paid by the manufacturers and added to the prices we pay.

President Johnson's idea, of course, is to increase purchasing by reducing the amount the consumer has to pay, thus creating more demand for goods, and more jobs.

But in the past, manufacturers have been more eager to pass on cost increases than cost reductions.

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### UAW PROPOSAL

The proposed tax cuts, of course, must be approved by Congress. And the United Auto Workers has been approached informally by car manufacturers to help work for the reductions in excise taxes on passenger vehicles.

The UAW Executive Board has come up with a reply that makes a good deal of sense. It says the union will help if manufacturers agree to pass the savings on to consumers, with a three-step priority:

- First, smog control devices would be included on all cars starting with 1966 models without increasing prices.

- Second, more safety features, such as those to be demanded by the General Services Administration on cars it buys for the federal government, would be incorporated on all autos, also without higher prices, and

- Third, any additional savings would be passed on to consumers in the form of lower prices.

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### SAFER CARS?

The GSA's proposed list of required safety features includes: padded dashboards, padded sun visors, recessed knobs and instruments, impact-absorbing steering column and wheel, safety door latches and hinges, better seat anchorages, four-way emergency blinkers, dual brake systems and standardized bumper heights.

The auto industry has been criticized frequently for stressing speed and horsepower and neglecting relatively inexpensive safety advances. Here is a chance for the whole industry to make cars safer without making them more expensive. The UAW plan should be supported by all unions. After all, we're the people who drive the cars!

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

# Strong labor push helps beat City Charter 'grab'

## Legislative conference report given

More high government officials addressed the recent AFL-CIO Building Trades Department Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., than any previous such meeting, it was reported here Tuesday night.

Business Representative J. L. Childers of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, one of a large delegation from this area at the annual gathering, credited Department President C. J. Haggerty for much of the success of the event.

Childers noted that President Johnson addressed about 5,000 persons at the conference, more than half of them delegates.

Other major speeches, Childers reported to local building trades delegates, were given by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, House Majority Leader John W. McCormack (D.-Mass.) and nine other senators and congressmen.

### SUPPORT FOR LBJ

A resolution adopted by the conference supported President Johnson in his then-recent actions in the Dominican Republic, Childers reported.

The president commented on events in both Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, and sentiment seemed to favor his position on both, according to Childers.

Vice President Humphrey promised Administration support for repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Law (see box on this page) and for a suitable site picketing bill.

Although California's new U.S. Senator George Murphy did not show up at a breakfast for members of Congress given at the conference, he appeared briefly at a reception, Childers said.

California's other Republican senator, Thomas H. Kuchel, addressed the conference, and expressed support for building trades goals, Childers told delegates.

### CIVIL SERVICE BILL

In California, Assembly Bill 1618, which would make civil service compulsory for school employees, has passed the lower house of the State Legislature. Unions are working to remove objectionable parts before it comes up in the State Senate, Childers reported.

Building tradesmen who work for school districts have objected that the bill as it stands would destroy some of their gains.

Childers also noted that a group of German building trades

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## LBJ asks 14(b) repeal; wider wage coverage

President Johnson issued a labor message to Congress Tuesday recommending repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Law and backing other high-priority AFLCIO legislative goals.

In addition to asking an end to state right-to-work laws — now permitted under Section 14(b) — the President:

- Urged extension of federal minimum wage coverage to 4½ million more workers.

- Requested legislation to require double-time pay for "certain overtime" — to encourage employers to hire more people, rather than work smaller numbers of employees overtime.

- Endorsed broader unemployment insurance coverage, higher benefits and longer duration for jobless pay.

Concerning unemployment insurance, President Johnson said:

"Today, weekly benefits are often too low in amount and too short in duration in relation to lost wages to enable the workers to meet basic and non-deferrable expenses.

"Ceilings on compensation all too often fail to yield the original goal of 50 per cent of past wages. This is particularly true for workers who have the highest income levels and these workers are generally heads of families."

President Johnson urged "early and favorable consideration" by Congress on his message.

He said he urged repeal of Section 14(b) with the hope of reducing conflicts in our national labor policy that for several years have divided Americans in various states."

The President also said repeal of Section 14(b) would encourage uniform application of national labor relations policy.

## Senator Holmdahl's race bills criticized

Efforts by labor and civil rights groups toward peaceful expansion of minority job opportunities are threatened by a package of bills introduced by Alameda County's state senator, it was charged this week.

Democrat John W. Holmdahl has inflexibly refused to modify his Senate Bills 981 and 1242 despite pleas by concerned AFL-CIO bodies and responsible civil rights groups, according to Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx of the Central Labor Council.

Employers with all or nearly all-white work forces could use the measures as excuses not to hire more members of minority groups, Groulx charged.

He said many of the successes of a quiet campaign being carried on by the Central Labor Council and civil rights groups to reverse unfavorable hiring patterns in firms and unions would have been impossible under Holmdahl's proposals.

Groulx noted that the bills followed hearings at which one of the witnesses was former Republican Senator William F.

Knowland of the Oakland Tribune and that a co-author is State Senator Jack Schrade, ultra-conservative San Diego Republican.

In an effort to undermine the Central Labor Council, the California Labor Federation and COPE — which oppose the bills — Groulx charged Holmdahl has circulated communiques to individual unions appealing to selfish motives to enlist support for the measures.

These communiques claim that the purpose of the bills is to outlaw "quota" hiring and "preferential treatment." However, Groulx termed this "whitewash" to mask the true purpose of the measures.

### CC Co. OKs stamp plan

Participation in the federal food stamp program as urged by Contra Costa County Employees 1675, was approved by the Board of Supervisors in Martinez this week. Local 1675 enlisted the support of County Social Service Director Jornlind, according to Business Agent Rod Larson.

## School tax hike loses; Rose wins

A strong campaign by organized labor helped beat Oakland's proposed new "power grab" city charter Tuesday.

In an otherwise quiet election contest, work by Central Labor Council volunteers and staff members — including door to door distribution of leaflets — added to the margin against Proposition 1 on the municipal ballot.

Proposition 2, which had been opposed by the Central Labor Council and Teachers 771, but endorsed by the Building Trades Council, was defeated by an even more lopsided vote.

It would have raised the school tax ceiling by 99 cents.

With nearly 42 per cent of registered voters casting ballots, complete returns from all 847 precincts were:

Proposition 1 (New City Charter) — No, 45,685; yes, 23,013.

Proposition 2 (School Tax Increase) — No, 56,379; yes, 13,157.

Seymour M. Rose, who was endorsed by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education for School Director No. 2, defeated W. E. Dunstan, 35,484 to 34,244.

Electra Kimble Price, endorsed by COPE for School Director No. 4, lost to Anne Corneille 37,755 to 32,310.

## Negotiations for Millmen entering final stages

Negotiators for three locals of Millmen were to meet with employers and a federal conciliator Wednesday in a final attempt to reach agreement in contract negotiations.

Locals 550 in Oakland, 262 in San Jose, and 42 in San Francisco have approved strike sanction by a big majority. A special meeting of Local 550 is scheduled next Monday for a report on negotiations.

## More berries picked than last year, experts say

Despite growers' claims of a labor shortage, more strawberries have been harvested in California so far this year than at the same time last year, according to the Federal-State Market News Service.

State and federal statisticians noted there has been a "bumper crop" this year, despite declining acreage since 1957.



# HOW TO BUY

## Buying opportunities during June

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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June buying opportunities include women's dress sales and early summer sales of refrigerators.

Clearance prices on this year's models of washing machines, dryers and television sets are widespread this month.

We want to warn you that one of the leading tire manufacturers has just announced a price increase. Since other makers are expected to follow, this is a good time to check your tires before the end of Spring tire sales.

The real problem for working families this summer will be food costs, especially meat prices, which are already high and still rising.

Here are tips on June buying opportunities:

**REFRIGERATORS** — Improvements have been made in refrigerators in recent years while prices have been reduced. Many combination refrigerators and freezers now are available around the \$200-\$225 mark for 12 cubic foot sizes.

The new refrigerators also provide more capacity in smaller exterior dimensions because of the development of thin wall models. These use urethane foam and other new types of insulation to achieve thin walls.

The most popular type refrigerator today, and usually the one on which the sharpest price cuts are available, is the two door combination with the freezer mounted on top. In the less expensive version of this type, the refrigerator section is frostless, but the freezer compartment is not.

Salesmen may try to trade you up to costlier models with additional accessories, or models with the freezer section also frost-free. This type will cost about \$25 more and also will involve higher operating costs.

Costliest models are those with the freezer mounted on the bottom. Here the frost-free feature is more of a genuine convenience because the freezer area is harder to get at to remove frost. It is also larger.

Bottom-mounted models usually provide as much as 150 pounds of freezer capacity in the 13-14 cubic foot sizes, compared to a typical 105 in the low priced top-mounted models.

But if you don't need this much freezer space, don't buy it. You will pay about \$100 more for a bottom-mounted refrigerator-freezer, plus higher operating costs.

If you do want the extra freezer space, shop for the lower cost models of this type. Some man-

ufacturers now offer bottom-mounted refrigerator-freezers at lower prices without such expensive deluxe accessories as the automatic ice maker and storer.

**SUMMER DRINKS** — This is the season mothers will be lugging home big cans of "fruit punch" and "fruit drinks" from the supermarkets, most of which will be water. Food products not meeting a standard of identity must be labeled in order of their leading ingredients.

If you look at the list of ingredients on "fruit punch" products, you will observe that water is listed as the first and most important ingredient, followed by sugar and concentrated juices.

The "fruit drinks" have even less of actual juices than do the "punches." The "drinks" may be artificially flavored. Some may contain no natural fruit juice at all. Others may contain some, with water again the leading ingredient.

Fortunately, orange and other real juice concentrates and canned juices (real juice, not drinks) are cheaper this year. So you can make inexpensive fruit drinks at home — with the water from your own faucet.

For example, you can buy pure grape juice concentrate, add four parts water, and have a grape drink for about four cents a six ounce glass, compared with about six cents for already-watered canned grape drinks. In fact, milk, too, is cheaper than these canned drinks.

In general, canned juices have about three times as much vitamin C as the already-prepared canned drinks.

In vegetable juices, canned tomato juice not only costs less than the vegetable juice cocktails but has about twice as much vitamin C. However, orange juice always gives you the most vitamin C for your money because of its high concentration of this nutrient.

**FOOD CALENDAR** — Pork has been expensive all Spring. Now beef prices are climbing. The bargain of the month is broilers, now in heavy supply and selling at close to record low prices. Watch especially for supermarket sales of broilers, often at a saving of 10-14 cents a pound. Eggs are still reasonable and a versatile meat substitute.

## School prayers

Regardless of what the Supreme Court says, there will be prayers in our schools as long as there are exams.—Belleville Telescope.

# YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

by Sidney Margolius

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## Why consumer program is vital

Within five years, the consumer market will be dominated by young, inexperienced shoppers — conditioned to "easy credit" and a payday-to-payday way of life.

This warning was issued by State Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson at a meeting in Long Beach this month.

"Consumer spending is the driving force in our economy," Mrs. Nelson said. "It is sobering to consider that tomorrow's economic drivers may be young consumers influenced by the notion, all too prevalent today, that buying is more important than paying — and that the 'later' in 'pay later' is a vague day in the far off future."

The proportion of young people in our population is increasing, as are early marriages, Mrs. Nelson said.

Now is the critical period, she added, for developing public policy on consumer rights and responsibilities.

Pointing out that economic decisions affecting the marketplace are being made daily by government at many levels by legislation and agency regulations, Mrs. Nelson said consumers are just now beginning to take an active part in these decisions.

## It's illegal but they still do it

Some suede shoe operators are still using a trick outlawed in 1963, according to State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson.

Especially guilty are those pushing so-called "home improvement" products or services, Mrs. Nelson warns.

When a consumer attempts to exercise his new legal right to cancel an installment contract — after discovering it doesn't match the salesman's fancy promises — these high-pressure outfits claim he must pay a cancellation penalty.

The penalty in some cases has been as high as \$300, Mrs. Nelson says.

Mrs. Nelson warned that the Unruh Retail Installment Sales Act was amended in 1963 to read: "No contract or obligation shall contain any provision by which ... the buyer agrees to the payment of any charge by reason of the exercise of his right to rescind or avoid the contract."

This applies to installment contracts on all goods and services except those connected with autos, according to the consumer counsel.

## State consumer counsel backed

A resolution of support for the State Office of Consumer Counsel has been adopted by the Board of Directors of Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley, Inc.

Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson has saved Californians millions of dollars, despite "a budgetary appropriation equal to 1/300 of one per cent of the total budget, or less than one cent per person," the Co-op resolution said.

It urged "meaningful increases for an expanded program of research and education in the future."

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# Getting Your MONEY'S WORTH

(First of two articles on auto sales practices by some dealers.)

**THE BUYER** with cash in hand used to enjoy a preferred position. A dealer would shade his price for cash, or even offer a substantial discount.

For years now, this has not been true in the automobile market. In its May issue, Consumer Reports tells why.

Some of the evidence is gathered from a hearing on an application by Sears, Roebuck & Co. for a license to make loans for automobile purchases in California. The loans would enable buyers to pay cash at the dealer's and, therefore, to shop around for the lowest price.

Established lenders and auto dealers lobbied against the application.

At the hearing, a dealer admitted that he would try to charge more for a car bought for cash than for one bought on credit. And the president of the Northern California Motor Car Dealers Association admitted that he did not want to sell cars for cash.

Asked why, he explained:

"... I want to sell cars for the most profit that I can per car. Finance reserve (dealer's share of the carrying charges) and insurance commissions are part of the profit derived from selling a car on time ..."

Also, says Consumers Union, finance and insurance arrangements leave plenty of room for manipulation. A cash buyer is interested in price and able to keep his eye on the ball. But there are many ways to confuse the credit buyer.

**SOME TRICKS** of the trade came out in the report of a California Assembly Interim Committee on Finance and Insurance.

Selling at big volume auto outlets, it appears, is done by a team of "liner," "T-O man," finance man, and closer.

The liner meets the prospect at the door, finds out whether he is a cash or credit buyer, what he has to trade in, how much a month he plans on paying.

He turns him over to the T-O (takeover) man, who builds up the deal with extras, insurance and longer terms.

The finance man figures the take on one deal as opposed to another, adjusts the terms to make up for the trade-in allowance and arranges for a down payment loan, if needed, from a small loan company.

The closer winds up the deal. Pressure is used at every point. One technique is to keep the customer waiting for hours, in order to make him tired of waiting, tired of negotiating and eager to close the deal.

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## Bartalini panelist for U.C. industrial relations parley

C. R. Bartalini, executive secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, will be a panelist at the Annual Industrial Relations Conference of the University of California.

The conference, on "Job Training and Industrial Relations" will be held May 26 at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco. It will be sponsored by U.C.'s Institute of Industrial Relations in Berkeley.

Bartalini's panel will discuss "The Respective Roles of On-the-Job Training (Including Apprenticeship) and Classroom Training and Their Relationship."

Other participants in the conference are scheduled to include:

Stanley Ruttenberg, manpower administrator, U.S. Department of Labor; Curtis Aller, chairman, Department of Economics, San Francisco State College; Donald H. Roney, chief, Office of Manpower, Training and Utilization, State Department of Employment; George Ebey, director of research and planning, College of San Mateo; Margaret Thal-Larsen, executive secretary, State Commission on Manpower, Automation and Technology; Percy H. Steels, executive director, Bay Area Urban League; Francis S. Quillan, senior vice-president, Prudential Insurance Co.; Jack Brookins, dean, technical vocational education, Southwestern Oregon College; R. J. Cuyler, district education manager, IBM Corp.; Charles F. Hanna, chief, State Division of Apprenticeship Standards; Leonard Beanland, personnel manager, Pacific Gas and Electric Co.; and Morris Skinner, regional director, U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

The following U.C. experts are on the program:

Lloyd Ulman, director, Institute of Industrial Relations; George Strauss, professor of business administration; Margaret S. Gordon, associate director, Institute of Industrial Relations; Earl F. Cheit, associate director, Institute of Industrial Relations; and Harold Wilensky, chairman, Department of Sociology.

The conference is being presented in cooperation with a number of labor and management organizations, including the Alameda County Central Labor Council and the California Labor Federation.

## Crowell wins post

Russell R. Crowell, president of the Central Labor Council, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Bay Area Council.

## Union's unique scholarship idea

Hod Carriers and Laborers 139 of Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties has launched a \$1,000 a year scholarship program at Sonoma State College, with leadership — rather than scholarship or financial need — as the main basis for selection.

Each year's recipient will be a high school junior chosen by the senior class of his school. Winners from the 20 high schools in the local's jurisdiction have been chosen for the 1966-67 school year, and the boy or girl to receive the scholarship will be selected by lot from among them.

## Survivors of two Laborers to get \$102,000 award

Survivors of two members of Laborers 304 have been awarded \$102,000 in a Superior Court suit arising from their deaths in a construction accident in 1960.

The two were employees of the Galbraith Construction Co. of Newark on a contract for the Union Sanitary District.

The victims, Fortunato R. Duenas, 31, and John Neto, 39, were overcome by toxic gas and drowned in mud while working on a 48 inch sewer line at the sanitary district's plant near Irvington.

Duenas left a wife and four children, Neto a wife and son. Attorney William S. Parrish said the district has agreed to pay \$58,000 under a compromise settlement and the construction firm \$44,000 through the Workmen's Compensation Fund.

The \$44,000 is to be divided equally. Superior Judge Donald K. Quayle is to decide the proportion of the \$58,000 to go to each family.

A third workman, Henry Fimbres, 26, who was rescued, will receive \$2,500 for injuries.

## Office Employees, Grain Millers, Transit Union to hold S.F. conventions

For the first time in its history, the Office Employees International Union will hold a convention in San Francisco.

The convention, June 7-11, will be at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. OEIU conventions are held every three years.

The Grain Millers Union is scheduled to hold its international convention in San Francisco starting next Wednesday, and the Amalgamated Transit Union will meet there Sept. 13-17.

## Hackler new director of CWA District 9; Knecht wins staff post

R. W. Hackler has been appointed director of District 9 of the Communications Workers of America, succeeding Louis B. Knecht.

Knecht resigned his West Coast position in April to become assistant to CWA President Joseph A. Beirne in Washington, D.C.

Hackler, who was assistant director, must face election in his new post at the international convention in Kansas City next month.

No appointment to the assistant district director's post is expected until after the convention.

## Sawyer, Nunes sworn in

General President James R. Hoffa of the Teamsters has sworn in Joe Sawyer, secretary-treasurer, and Tom Nunes, president, to full terms as officers of Oakland Construction and Materials Drivers 291.

## Why CLC turned down fund plea

A second labor organization has turned down a donation request from the Lincoln Child Center, 4368 Lincoln Ave., because of alleged anti-union actions.

The Central Labor Council voted not to donate on recommendation of its Community Services Committee.

Earlier, Hospital and Institutional Workers 250 wrote the center it would not buy tickets to a benefit as requested. Local 250 Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Twomey cited the fact that a union organizer had been contacted by employees working at the center but a center official then discouraged workers from joining the union.

## Employer violations up

U.S. Wage and Hour Law violations by employers increased by a record 26 per cent between 1963 and 1964 — to \$41 million in unpaid overtime and \$27 million in minimum wage violations.

## S.F. apprentice wins Carpenters' competition here

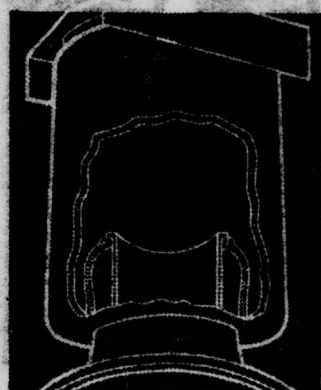
Gordon Kvamme of San Francisco Carpenters 22 won the Bay Area Carpenters' apprenticeship contest held in Oakland recently.

Other winners were: Kenneth Kirstine, Local 162, San Mateo County, second place; Richard Gordon, Local 35, Marin County, third place; John Warren, Local 22, fourth place, and Joseph Grigsby, Local 194, Alameda, and Sylvan Berges, Local 162, honorable mention.

The contest was under auspices of the Bay Counties Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Program. It was held at the California Spring Flower and Garden Show in the Oakland Exposition Building.

Kvamme will represent Bay Counties Carpenters in a statewide contest to be held in Los Angeles.

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# Berkeley City Council plans anti-strikebreaker hearing

First public hearing on a proposed ordinance to ban professional strikebreakers in Berkeley will be held by the City Council Tuesday evening, according to Assistant Secretary Norman E. Amundson of the Central Labor Council.

The Central Labor Council is spearheading a drive to win anti-strikebreaker ordinances in Alameda County and its 13 incorporated cities.

In Albany, Amundson told Central Labor Council delegates, the City Council has held a work session on a proposed ordinance, and the reception was fairly good.

The Oakland City Council has referred the matter to the City Attorney, according to Amundson.

Rufus Day and Gerry Meyer of the Typographical 36 Legislative Committee, who are working with the Central Labor Council, reported that the County Board of Supervisors has referred the matter to the County Attorney.

## OTHER CITIES

Day and Meyer also reported the following developments on proposed anti-strikebreaker ordinances in other cities:

- San Leandro councilmen plan a work session after their city attorney finishes his analysis of the proposed legislation.

- Hayward councilmen have referred the matter to the city attorney, who has drafted a proposed alternative.

- Fremont councilmen have referred the plan to a study committee.

- Newark councilmen plan a work session at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27. Day and Meyer urged all unionists to attend.

- The Livermore City Council has tabled the proposal, and no action has been taken in Emeryville, Piedmont and Union City, Day and Meyer reported.

## STATE BILL DELAYED

In Sacramento, Assemblyman John F. Foran's bill to outlaw professional strikebreakers throughout the state has been placed on the inactive list by its author.

Foran said the measure (Assembly Bill 1648) was withdrawn from active consideration because of "confusion and misinformation." He said he would try to draft amendments to make the bill acceptable to opponents, thus improving chances of passage.

In Washington, D.C., a proposed federal anti-strikebreaker law (Senate Bill 1781) has been introduced by Senator Harrison A. Williams (D.-N.J.) and referred to the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

Senator George Murphy (R.-Calif.) is a member of this committee.

## New delegate

Richard Faubion of Printing Specialties 382 is a new delegate to the Central Labor Council.

## Retail Clerks Union 870

By CHARLES F. JONES

The following members have passed away since our last funeral benefit assessment in March: Sisters Margaret Hanrahan and Molly Breen and Brothers Phillip Apple, James Kern and Ray Levandowski.

The Union Funeral Benefit Fund is now depleted, and it will be necessary to have a \$1 assessment to replenish the fund. The \$1 assessment will be due and payable with June dues.

Each new member when applying for union membership named his beneficiary for the \$1,000 union funeral benefit. In the event of the death of a member, we must pay the \$1,000 to the beneficiary specified. We have had a few problems recently when there has been a divorce in the family, and the member remarries and fails to change his beneficiary. If you have any doubt about your beneficiary, please call the Union Office, and we will be happy to check it for you. If you wish to change your beneficiary, it will be necessary to come to the union office and sign new cards.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

We have been advised by the Northern California Health and Welfare Fund Office that some of our members are having their prescriptions filled at non-union drug stores. Local 870 has about 95 per cent of the drug stores in Alameda County organized, and our members should patronize the union stores as these union employers are making contributions into the Northern California Health and Welfare Fund that provides prescription drugs for the membership. If you have any question as to whether a store is union or non-union, call the Union Office or ask the clerks in the store.

## NEGOTIATIONS

Preliminary meetings were held last week with the representatives of Anita Shops and

Sprouse Reitz. Further meetings are scheduled for this week. Negotiations with Bressman's Dress Shop on the Hayward Strip were concluded last week, and the members ratified their new two year agreement.

## A.B.C.

Active Ballot Club cards are still available for any member for \$1. Please contact your representative for membership cards.

## Ex-union official stole \$5,023, government says

Henry Simpson, 51, former secretary-treasurer of Local 125 of the independent Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union in Oakland, has been indicted on charges of embezzling \$5,023 in union funds.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerrold M. Lazar announced that Simpson was indicted by a federal grand jury on two counts involving alleged embezzlement between 1960 and 1962.

Lazar said Simpson is accused of "converting" \$3,500 from the funds of the Biscuit Council of the BCW and of taking \$1,523 from Local 125. Simpson was financial secretary of the BCW Biscuit Council, as well as an official of Local 125.

Local 125 is now affiliated with the AFLCIO American Bakery and Confectionery Workers as Local 125-A.

Simpson was, in addition, also indicted on four counts of knowingly making false statements and failing to disclose material facts on financial reports filed with the U.S. Department of Labor as required by the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

## Teachers' locals at U.C. to sponsor 'Vietnam Day'

Teachers 1474 and 1570 are sponsoring Vietnam Day on the University of California campus today (Friday).

Also among sponsors is the Faculty Peace Committee.

Vietnam Day will begin at noon today and continue for 30 to 36 hours, with 25,000 students and visitors expected, the two unions say.

Speakers are scheduled to include:

Senator Ernest Gruening (D.-Alaska), Dr. Benjamin Spock, Norman Thomas, Assemblyman William F. Stanton (D.-San Jose), Authors Felix Greene, Kenneth Rexroth and I. F. Stone, Editors Paul Krassner, M. S. Aron, Dave Dellinger and James Aronson; Professors Franz Schurmann of the Center for Chinese Studies and Staughton Lynd of Yale University; Bob Moses of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; Si Casady, president, California Democratic Council; Colin Edwards, Far East correspondent; Paul Potter, national president, Students for Democratic Society, and Stanley Scheinbaum of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

## U.S. 'TRUTH SQUAD'

The U.S. State Department has stated it will send a "truth squad" of two representatives, and Assistant Professor Aaron Wildavsky will defend the Administration viewpoint in a debate with Bob Scheer, a journalist just returned from Vietnam.

Lord Bertrand Russell has indicated he will send a tape recorded message.

Deposed President Juan Bosch of the Dominican Republic has been invited to speak on events in his country.

In connection with Vietnam Day, the San Francisco Mime Troupe and The Committee are also scheduled to appear.

The event is described as "an educational protest."

Vietnam Day events will be in lower Sproul Plaza and the adjacent baseball field.

## Norm Amundson speaks at Local 64 meeting

Assistant Secretary Norman E. Amundson of the Central Labor Council discussed picket lines, organizing, legislation and other issues confronting the local labor movement last Saturday at a recent meeting of Rubber Workers 64.

According to Local 64 President Leslie Plowright, Amundson also explained the Central Labor Council's positions on the federal anti-poverty program and on the farm labor situation.

## U.S. leads all the rest

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the following unemployment rates for major countries in 1964: United States, 5.2 per cent; Canada, 4.7 per cent; Italy, 2.9 per cent; France and Great Britain, 2.5 per cent; Sweden, 1.6 per cent; Japan, 1 per cent, and Germany, four-tenths of one-per cent. The foreign figures were adjusted to U.S. standards.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## RETAIL CLERKS 870

The next regular membership meeting of Retail Clerks Union, Local 870, will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 1965, at 9:30 a.m. at the Union Auditorium, 6537 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
CHARLES F. JONES  
President

## MILLMEN'S 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Union 550 will be held on Friday, June 4, at 8 p.m., Hall A, Labor Temple, Oakland, Calif. This is election night for our new officers. The poll will be open from 12 noon until 9 p.m. Only members in good standing at the time of the election will be entitled to vote for officers.

Fraternally,  
JACK ARCHIBALD  
Rec. Secty.

## AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. June 1 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE  
Bus. Rep.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular membership meeting, Friday, May 28, 1965, 8 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,  
EDWARD M. SOTO,  
Rec. Secty.

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Secty.

## U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

Time: Saturday, June 12, 1965, 1 p.m. Executive Board 1 p.m. Place: YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., Albany, Calif.

Fraternally,  
W. G. WHITCOMBE,  
Secty.-Treas.

## CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, June 12, 1965, in Jackson Hall of the Electrical Workers Building, 1918 Grove St., Oakland. The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 a.m.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Retirement Dinner has been cancelled for Saturday, May 22, 1965. All reservations up to this date will be returned to the senders.

Fraternally,  
HAROLD BENNER,  
Secty.

## BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Election of all officers and delegates will take place at a special called meeting on the night of June 17, 1965, at 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, Calif.

Refreshments will be served.  
Fraternally,  
NICK J. AFDAMO,  
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## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The office of the financial secretary remains open each Friday evening until 8 p.m. for the convenience of the members desiring to pay their dues.

Stewards meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Our regular meetings are held every Friday evening at 8 p.m.

An educational movie on the carpentry industry is shown the last Friday of each month, with our social event following.

Election of officers will take place Saturday, June 19, 1965.

Fraternally,  
A. W. RICE  
Rec. Secty.

## PLUMBERS 444

Please be advised that the regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local 444 will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 1965, at 8 p.m. in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Please make an honest effort to attend.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE A. HESS,  
Bus. Mgr. and  
Secty.-Treas.

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Special meeting on May 21 to nominate candidates for all union offices: president, vice-president, treasurer, financial secretary, recording secretary, warden, conductor, Executive Board, one trustee and one business representative, also delegates to our affiliate bodies. Get down to this meeting as it will be a good one. Refreshments served.

Fraternally,  
R. H. FITZGERALD  
Rec. Secty.

## BARBERS 134

Regular monthly meeting will be held this month on Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez streets, Oakland.

Second reading of a petition setting a minimum price on razor cuts will be read. Report on organizing activities will be given. Please attend!

The \$2,000 voluntary life insurance is now open to our members during the months of May and June only. Write to Crown Life Insurance Co., c/o Modern Insurance Service, Box 995, Newark, N.J., for full information.

Nominations will be order for delegates to the 57th annual State Association convention, to be held in San Diego on July 25, 26 and 27. Also one delegate will be elected to the Central Labor Council.

Fraternally,  
ANTHONY P. FISHER  
President  
JACK M. REED,  
Secty.-Treas.

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held on the first and third Fridays of each month at 8 p.m. at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Election Day will be held June 4, 1965, at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif., with the polls open from noon to 10 p.m. Please be in attendance at the election of all officers and delegates on the above date, June 4, 1965, and vote for the officers of your choice.

Stewards will meet on the third Thursday at 7:30 p.m., May 20, 1965.

The Wednesday meeting of the Education Committee of May 26, 1965, has been postponed.

Nomination of officers and delegates was held by Carpenters 36 on May 7, 1965, at Carpenters Hall. Those nominated were:

President—Arthur Coates, Harry G. Yetter (inc.). Vice President—William I. Dorsey, Robert Griebel. Recording Secretary—Oscar N. Anderson (inc.). Financial Secretary—E. M. Crow (inc.). Melvin Johnson. Treasurer—Lonnie Moore. Conductor—P. T. Brightwell (inc.). Warden—Joseph Irthum (inc.). Trustees—M. B. Cameron (inc.), John Clapp (inc.), Ed Jonson (inc.). Business Agents—Gunnar Benonys (inc.), John B. Shimsky, Elton Skillern, Alfred Thoman (inc.).

Central Labor Council—Eugene Anderson, Oscar N. Anderson (inc.), Gunnar Benonys (inc.), James Brooks (inc.), William I. Dorsey, Howell Frazier (inc.), Alfred Thoman (inc.), Everett Woolverton.

Delegates to Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters—Sherman Adams, Eugene Anderson (inc.), Oscar N. Anderson (inc.), C. R. Bartolini (inc.), Gunnar Benonys (inc.), P. T. Brightwell (inc.), Leo A. Brodeur, James Brooks (inc.), M. B. Cameron (inc.), Wilfred Campbell (inc.), John Clapp (inc.), E. M. Crow (inc.), William I. Dorsey, Lem Flanigan (inc.), Howell Frazier (inc.), Frank Galaznik, Hank Goetz, Robert Griebel, W. R. Hall Sr. (inc.), Frank Hermosa, Melvin Johnson (inc.), Ed Jonson (inc.), Frank Lindahl (inc.), Lonnie Moore (inc.), George Richards, Herman Sharp (inc.), John D. Shimsky, Walter Simms, Elton Skillern, Alfred Thoman (inc.), Harry G. Yetter (inc.).

Building Trades Council—Eugene Anderson, Oscar N. Anderson (inc.), C. R. Bartolini (inc.), Gunnar Benonys (inc.), P. T. Brightwell (inc.), Leo A. Brodeur, William I. Dorsey, Lem Flanigan (inc.), Frank Galaznik, Frank Hermosa, Melvin Johnson, Ellis Jones (inc.), Ozzo Marrow, John D. Shimsky, Alfred Thoman (inc.), Mallory Todd Jr., Harry G. Yetter (inc.).

Fraternally,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON  
Rec. Secty.

## CARPENTERS 1473

Local 1473 meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,  
J. W. KIRKMAN  
Rec. Secty.

## PAINTERS 127

Our regular meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Most of the members of Local 127 receive the International Magazine, "The Painter and Decorator." I find that there are a few that do not receive it. Every member is supposed to get the magazine. In the past, the General Office has never made any charge for the magazine. Now in September, you will have to pay \$1 for this magazine, whether you receive it or not. You should avail yourself of this magazine as there is lots of interesting material in it. Anyone not receiving the "Painter and Decorator," call the office or have the little woman mail a card with your name, correct address and card number, and I will forward it to the General Office.

A special meeting has been called for Thursday, May 27, for nomination of business representative of 127. I hope to see all there as this is very important.

Sid Olsen is in Merritt Hospital, Room 253. He broke his heel.

Anyone who can donate blood, please contact me, as Brother William (Tiny) Breakfield needs seven units. He just had a severe operation and needs to replace this blood.

Fraternally,  
ROBERT F. YORK  
Fin. Secty.

## RUBBER WORKERS 64

Meets second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at Auto Workers Hall, 1406 Seminary Ave., Oakland

Fraternally,  
LES PLOWRIGHT  
President

## ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, Walnut and Central, Alameda. Refreshments are served on the first meeting of the month.

Fraternally,  
WILLIAM (BILL) LEWIS  
Rec. Secty.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
FRANK V. MCINTOSH  
Rec. Secty.

## CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

Due to the coming holiday week-end, the Executive Board and regular meeting will be held May 21, 1965, at the same time.

Fraternally,  
MEL TOMPKINS,  
Secty.-Treas.

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## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
DON CROSSMAN  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The meeting of May 28, 1965, will be a special call for nomination of officers, delegates and business representative.

Our Spring Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, May 22, 1965 at Eagles Hall, Carlson boulevard at Central, El Cerrito, Calif.

Each member may purchase two tickets at \$1 each. For members desiring more than two tickets, you may purchase guest tickets at \$3 each. Buy your tickets at Local Union 40 office or order by mail.

Come out for an evening of fun, but hurry. Only 200 tickets available. Order yours today!

Fraternally,  
GENE SLATER  
Bus. Rep.

## E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (GH)  
Wednesday, May 26, 8 p.m., Highland Hospital Fourth Floor Auditorium.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (GF)  
Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m., Day Room.

Fraternally,  
DAVE JEFFERY  
Exec. Secty.

## Unruh measure would increase scholarships

Assembly Bill 1115 to gradually increase the number of state scholarships has been approved by the Assembly Education Committee.

Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh's bill would eventually enable two per cent of high school graduates to qualify under the State Scholarship Program. At present, about one-half of one per cent qualify. There is now a fixed total of 5,120 annually.

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## Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

Last Friday afternoon a contract termination notice was served to the Lumber and Mill Employers Association by the union Negotiating Committee. Section 27-b of the contract provides that a termination notice shall not take effect for five days from date of service, which means May 19. Unless an agreement is reached by May 19, the contract is terminated.

By the time you read this, you will most likely have the notice for another special called meeting to approve an interim agreement.

The union representatives have stated their willingness to meet the employer association at any time.

Failure by the association to make any serious proposals as a basis for a settlement caused the union negotiators to serve the termination notice.

Issues of vital concern to 550 members are at issue. Even the Carpenters have a vital concern.

The Research Department of the State Council of Carpenters has shown that job site carpenter work is declining while more of the work is pre-fabricated in shops and mills. Members of the Brotherhood from job site construction locals find their way into shops fairly often now. The wages and conditions in the shops determine to some extent the competition with job site work, as well as the future well being of Carpenters who come into the shops and mills.

If the predicted decline in building occurs this year, employment will be tighter than ever and the Carpenter will be very much interested in his relationship to us.

The most important issues in dispute with the leaders of the Lumber and Mill Employers Association are not considered part of a wage settlement.

First, subcontracting (all the way from peddling out-of-state cabinets to using foreign millwork) is a big issue. Almost all of the employers I have talked to about subcontracting agree with the union that it should be banned by the agreement. If we give in on imported millwork and cabinet parts, we will lose one-third of the jobs almost overnight. When one shop buys milled parts cheaper from the Orient or Oregon or Alabama, then all shops will do the same to compete.

If we let imported cabinets flood the local market, our whole industry will be wiped out. A place like Benson's would convert to a warehouse for foreign cabinets and employ a handful of installers. Our middle sized shops like Craft Industries, Beckers, Quality Built, Builders Cabinets, Pleasanton Cabinets, etc., would be wiped out.

Do the association leaders understand this? I believe they do. A big majority of employers understand that they would be crucified by the big operators if importing and subcontracting is not stopped. Our battle for the past three years to keep our



**NEW PRESIDENT** of the AFLCIO Painters and Paperhangers is S.M. Raftery, shown addressing a dinner of the California State Council of Painters in Sacramento immediately after he was sworn in to succeed his father, L. M. Raftery, who retired.

jobs must not be washed out by association leaders who have not opposed imports.

It is also significant that in our three year fight for legislation to help recover the school cabinet industry for California the association has been noted mainly for its silence.

A funded vacation program would serve our members far better than the present program. Employers should realize that a chiseler could not manipulate vacation costs in cheap bidding as is true now. Some of our shops have more than half the employees on three week vacations, while manipulators keep firing and hiring to prevent having too many two week vacations to pay. We want protection in the agreement against chiseling, bankruptcies, etc.

The association is holding the Los Angeles settlement (10 cents per year, three year contract) up to us. We live and work here, not there.

In negotiations you can either play your hand openly or conceal your motives with distractions and misleading demands. The union can only play its hand openly because we have been fighting publicly for over three years for our program. Our program is designed to protect jobs in the industry and to make them worth the fight. Since boycotts, consumer picketing, political pressure and publicity have been our weapons, we are prepared to meet any situation that develops. We can always hope the association will come to its senses and help to save the industry here.

### AFL predecessor

The Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions, founded in 1881, was the direct predecessor of the AFL.

### Manufacturing unions

Twenty-five per cent of the union members in the Bay Area are employed in manufacturing industries.

### Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The C. F. Braun Co. job has gotten under way at the Shell Oil Co. with one crew of fitters, welders and apprentices. Supervision is headed by Chuck Holland and Erick Leheldt, both members of our union. This project, at its peak, will require approximately 400 fitters, welders and apprentices. There are 200 travel card members now on deposit with our union as all of the members of this union are employed. Additional travel card members will be required to meet our manpower requirements. This applies to the C. F. Braun Co.'s project.

Those members of our union presently employed in the Richmond area and who reside in the Concord - Pittsburgh - Antioch area and wish to work near to home may be dispatched on a first come basis — as you sign the out-of-work list.

The Fluor Corp. has advised that they should get started on their project, also at Martinez, some time in the month of June. The completion date will be the middle of 1966. Negotiating sessions will begin the latter part of this month or early in June as it pertains to our working agreement with the Mechanical and Utility Contractors.

Negotiation sessions have been held to date with the Pacific Pipe Co. and the California Short Line Pipeline Contractors. The subcommittee, Business Representatives Lou Kovacevich, Bill Weber Sr. and the writer, presented our proposal with future meetings scheduled.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday, May 20, at which time the reports of your Negotiating Committee, the Board of Trustees and the union's delegates who attended the California Pipe Trades Convention will be heard. Please plan to be in attendance at this meeting.

### Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

It is easy to get your finances in order if you will think about it and use a little good sense. A dedicated "wino" can't do it, and some "unemployables" can't do it. But this paper goes to working people. A wage earner can get clear out of debt if he really wants to do so.

You can save money if you are working steady. You would still pay the bills and buy beans if you were making a few dollars less. That is the amount you should have, a little out of each full paycheck. You know you will need a rainy day fund sooner or later.

Your credit union will help. The purpose is to make it easy to save, and easy to borrow at low interest rates. You can get

a quick loan in emergency if you have been saving regularly. And you save money by financing at your own credit union.

Hayward Carpenters have at least two credit unions available. Carpenters Federal Credit Union is at 21378 Foothill, next to Eagles Hall, behind KLM Realty. The phone is 538-3518 and the treasurer is on duty Saturday from 10 to noon, and Monday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. You can also join Carpenters Credit Union of the Greater Bay Area.

We are at 4032 Foothill in Oakland. Phone 533-3889, and we are open six days every week. Hours are 9:30 to 5:30 except on Saturday when we get off at 3:30. Write, phone or come in. You'll benefit from membership in either or both credit unions.

### Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Hi. Saw a news item last week where a San Francisco society of doctors has agreed not to defy Medicare if and when it is enacted by Congress. It's a sad commentary of our times that citizens of the stature of doctors feel the need to publicly announce that they will obey the law.

We recall our own resentment when Taft-Hartley, and later Landrum-Griffin, were enacted. Some union spokesmen advocated defiance; yet we complied. Disagreement could not justify anarchy.

Disagreement, in itself, isn't wrong. Defiance is lawlessness pure and simple. This is a fact in civil rights today.

The right to disagree, and a procedure for amending laws, is part of Americanism. Indeed, Organized Labor hopes to repeal section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act in this session of Congress. Doctors may eventually amend Medicare into ineffectiveness, but contempt and defiance of our legal processes is not the answer.

Along those same lines, a lack of respect for our unions will lose the individual member much more than his attitude will gain. Criticizing unions may win the ear of a foreman, but such criticism will reflect itself in the greater resistance of your employer during negotiations. Many, many times negotiators have had to recommend strike action simply to illustrate to an employer that his employees are really serious about the proposals presented.

If we do not defend our unions, who will defend us against an arrogant employer? Not your foreman. He has little or no protection himself. Only your union can defend you against an unfair discharge. Diligence on the job is not enough. A good worker is only half safe. To protect your job rights, support your union. Okay? Okay.

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## E. B. Muni Employees 390

By DAVE JEFFERY

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will be voting upon salary raises at its May 25 meeting. Local 390 has appeared several times before the Civil Service Commission personnel board on salaries and fringe benefits and we presented our salary requests to the Board of Supervisors at its May 6 meeting.

Salary hearings are still going on in most of our jurisdictions, and we will report more fully on them in our monthly News Letter.

The Highland Hospital Chapter meeting this month, Wednesday, May 26, at 8 p.m., will be held in the Highland Hospital Fourth Floor Auditorium.

There will be a discussion of safety problems at Highland Hospital. Also there will be an election of hospital union stewards. The new grievance procedure which has been agreed on after union and management negotiations will be fully explained.

Brother George Livingston won his race for a seat on the Richmond City Council, and he has written to Local 390 thanking all of our members for the support they gave him in his campaign.

Organizer Dave James reports a good jump in membership among City of Oakland employees and especially in the Street Department, where there is considerable interest in reclassifying the Semi-skilled Laborer classification. By the time this is read, the brothers attending the City of Oakland Chapter meeting will have made a list of all the work they perform in that job so we can go before the Civil Service with backing for our argument on the necessity to reclassify.

On the advice of Brother Tom Quafe, we are beginning an investigation of the kinds of work performed in the Park Department under the Laborer as well as Semi-skilled Laborer classification. There are more Laborers there, as distinguished from Semi-skilled Laborers, than in most other departments, and it appears that many of them may be performing semi-skilled labor. If this is the case, another question of fair pay for work performed in these two job classifications will have to be settled with the Civil Service Commission.

Several grievances are being brought up among City of Oakland employees, and it appears there are more than have yet come to light. The organizer asks that these be brought to the union now so work can get started and some fair settlements can be had. The union can handle grievances better than you can by yourself; so let us know where the problems are and we'll go to bat. This also applies to workmen's compensation cases.

### Painters Local No. 127

By SAM CAPONIO

At our last meeting, Floyd Peaslee was nominated as a candidate for secretary of District Council 16. Floyd Peaslee has been a member of Local 127 for the past 25 years; he was business representative of Local 127 prior to the district council set-up and also was the first secretary of District Council 16. He was vice-president of the State Building Trades Council and has held other positions in our local union.

Negotiations are in the hands of the subcommittee and progress is slow. Any report of progress in negotiations is made at your local union meeting.

Any job injury should be reported to the local union immediately. Any sickness or death should be reported also.

Next meeting, May 27, 1965, is a special called meeting to nominate candidates for business representative of Painters Local 127.

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## Building Trades Council receives conference report

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union officials would be guests of the council in the East Bay June 2.

He reported on conversations with officials of Sproul Homes in Livermore and said he is satisfied that a non-union firm in Colorado is being operated by a different branch of the family.

### BTC AGREEMENTS

Childers commented on the large number of Building Trades Council agreements that had been signed and praised officials of affiliated unions for their work.

Secretary-Treasurer John A. Davy reported agreements had been signed by the following:

Karl V. Ahnger Construction, Roy M. Anderson, Bay Promotions Inc., Berkeley Holding Co., Don Bernard Builder, Bill Cash Construction Co., Mike Brussa & Son, Circle Construction Co. Inc., Cliff Cement Co., Cunha Construction Co., L. H. Frost Building, East Bay Tapers, John Kay, Charles F. Komar, Livermore Roofing Co., National Demolition Corp., Thomas F. Ryan, Tusko Turner Inc., Safeway Electric Inc., Wood & Lodge, Zonoma Construction Inc., Edward B. Shonyo, Ace Roofing Co., Hanson & Melcalve Masonry, J. E. Moreno, B&C Builders, Kenneth C. Cummings, David M. Fox, William F. Beckett Co., Scandia Builders Corp., Collins Construction Co. and Ernest Westbrook Construction Co., doing business as G&W Construction Co.

### DELEGATE DIES

The council adjourned in memory of Philip Parent, a delegate from Berkeley Painters 40, who died suddenly May 8. President Paul Jones appointed E. G. Ball, Asbestos Workers 16, to replace Parent on the Law and Legislative Committee.

## State Federation has two new board members

Two new members have been appointed by the California Labor Federation Executive Council to fill vacancies in its ranks.

Anthony Bogdanowicz of Cabinet Makers and Millmen 721, Los Angeles, replaces William Sidell, who has been named second vice-president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Joseph H. Seymour of Operating Engineers 12, Los Angeles, replaces J. J. Christian, who has retired.

## Oakland building permits for April \$4,803,149

The City of Oakland issued 635 building permits during April for construction, alteration and demolition projects with an estimated cost of \$4,803,149.

In April, 1964, 658 permits for projects totalling \$5,223,927 were issued.

## Norm Amundson explains how he lost one (1) Sioux Indian

"In essence, I lost an Indian last week," explained Norman E. Amundson, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Amundson, reporting to council delegates, said it all started when a farm labor recruiter persuaded 38 Sioux Indians in Rosebud, S.D., to come to California.

They were supposed to help ease the alleged farm labor shortage.

### PROMISED \$18-\$20

Bob Quickbear, the Sioux that Norm eventually "lost," said the Indians were promised \$18 to \$20 a day cutting asparagus near Stockton.

They came to California in a bus provided by the labor recruiter. After eight days, 34 were fired.

Quickbear earned \$67 for the eight days' work.

But there were deductions: \$40 for bus fare, \$15 for room and board, and smaller amounts for Social Security tax and cigarettes.

When the score was totaled up, Amundson said, Quickbear owed the farm labor contractor a dollar!

But, being a "decent fellow," Amundson observed, the con-

tractor ended up giving Quickbear \$10!

Amundson heard about the plight of the Indians through Horace Spencer of the American Indian Council.

He quickly contacted Quickbear and listened to his story. Then he gave Quickbear \$2 for transportation to and from San Francisco, where he was staying with an Indian family, and arranged to meet him the next day.

Amundson said he was anxious to get Quickbear's statement in writing for presentation at hearings on the alleged farm labor shortage.

But Quickbear never showed up.

Amundson said he believes most of the Indians got tired of the whole deal and hitchhiked back to South Dakota.

At any rate, to cap it off, Amundson told Central Labor Council delegates, the State Department of Employment is now flying a recruiter back to South Dakota to sign up 300 more Sioux Indians to work on California farms!

## City of Oakland promises 'field day for bargain hunters' this Saturday

A "field day for bargain hunters" is promised by the City of Oakland at its public auction Saturday in the Oakland Exposition Building.

More than 50 used sedans and a jeep and fire truck will be auctioned off between 10 a.m. and noon. To be sold starting at 1 p.m. are 200 bicycles, 80 bicycle frames, five desks, six office chairs, a gas powered lawn edger and assorted 14 and 15-inch wheels.

Vehicles, bicycles and office furnishings will be displayed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today (Friday). For further information, phone the Oakland City Purchasing Department, 273-3980.

## Frances Perkins dies

Frances Perkins, who was Secretary of Labor under President Franklin D. Roosevelt from 1933 to 1945, died last Friday in New York at the age of 83.

## Four languages

The AFLCIO Free Trade Union News is published in English, French, German and Italian.

## Farm labor plan opposed by Contra Costa Employees

Contra Costa County Employees 1675 has voted to oppose use of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law to flood U.S. farms with more cheap labor from Mexico.

The action was taken at a recent general membership meeting, according to a letter from Rodney Larson, business representative, to Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz.

Larson said, in part, that the local's officers and members "have a considerable body of knowledge concerning social welfare, police, juvenile and employment problems."

The letter said the union is convinced there would be a shortage of workers in any industry "if the wages paid ranged from 85 cents to \$1.25 an hour without any fringe benefits, unemployment insurance and other advantages . . ."

It added that "It is the taxpayers who suffer in the cost of increasing social welfare costs, juvenile delinquency, crime, disease and inferior educational opportunities . . ."

## Union campaign among U.C. Library employees

A group of University of California Library employees has launched a campaign to bring their fellow workers into Berkeley University Teachers 1474.

A separate Library Committee of Local 1474 has been established to give employees of this department a voice in personnel matters.

Other goals of unionization, as outlined at a recent meeting, include: ending the lag in Berkeley librarians' pay behind other U.C. campuses, professional betterment, research and publication opportunities, and discussion of the impact of computers on library employment.

## Bay Area jobless rate increases during April

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Bay Area rose from 5.1 per cent in March to 5.2 per cent in April because of mid-April rains and a lag in construction work.

State officials also blamed the strike-lockout at California Metal Trades Association firms in the area.

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\$839.46 in the "Court Money" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$748.47 in the "Adult Probation" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$367.32 in the "Marshal, Oakland-Piedmont Municipal Court" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$17.86 in the "Marshal, San Leandro Municipal Court" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts;

\$704.22 in the "Sheriff's Civil" Trust Fund, which fund consists of unclaimed money in open accounts.

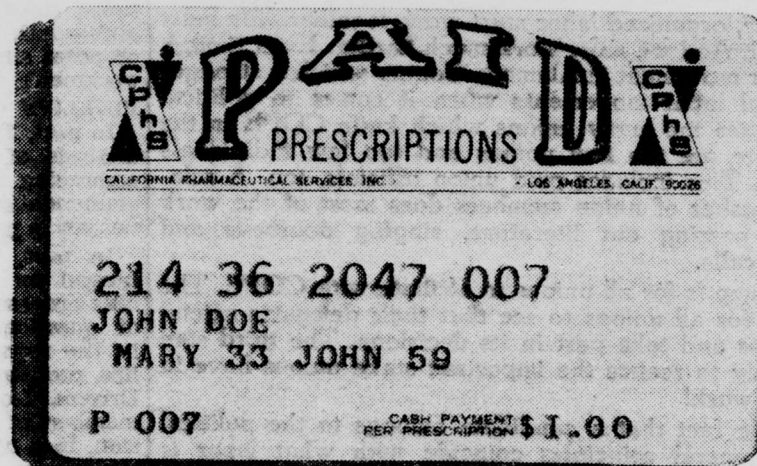
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## What we can do about labor's role in politics

Over the years, labor unions have become bigger and more respectable. We still have to get up our backs sometimes and fight. But it is rare nowadays for either side in a labor-management dispute to feel compelled to resort to physical violence. We win our goals in large part by unity and community and economic pressure.

Many of our battles aren't even waged on the picket line any more. In Sacramento and Washington, D.C., organized labor fights for laws to benefit all wage and salary earners, not just those who belong to unions. If there is such a thing as a public lobby, it is labor.

But, especially in Sacramento recently, some of the legislators we helped elect have been saying nice things in public yet voting against important bills in crucial committee decisions.

What we can do was discussed at length during two recent meetings of the Central Labor Council. One delegate urged the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education — organized labor's official political arm — to put up candidates in next year's Democratic primary against members of that party who have poor voting records. Another pointed out that COPE withheld its support in the 1964 primary from two Democratic legislators in Alameda County but changed its position during the general election campaign; he implied this was inconsistent. A third delegate argued that labor must educate its members and friends to vote only for "good" Democrats. If union voters cannot support the primary winner in either major party on the basis of his past record, we don't have to vote at all in that race. In other words, unions may have to educate their members and friends to withhold their votes in certain cases.

In any case, organized labor must work together. We must be more unified. And we must work much harder. Even though we have a labor movement in Alameda County which is stronger than most local labor movements when it comes to political activity, there are too many unions which knife COPE in the back. And there are too few unions and too few individuals working at all. This includes paid union officials, too. A relatively small number of union members does most of the work that counts — passing out literature, ringing doorbells and making phone calls.

The first step is for all unions to affiliate with COPE. The second step is for all unions to see that their delegates attend COPE meetings and take part in its decisions. The third step is for everybody to realize the important stake unions have in politics — and work!

Finally, the fact that a candidate belongs to the political party whose general principles coincide with what labor is fighting for doesn't automatically entitle him to our support and votes.

## A disservice

The Central Labor Council has been quietly working with responsible civil rights organizations in Alameda County to widen employment opportunities for members of minority groups.

A package of bills introduced in the State Legislature by State Senator John W. Holmdahl (D.-Oakland) would effectively kill this kind of effort by making it illegal for either unions or employers to create more openings for Negroes or other members of minority groups.

Senator Holmdahl has refused to listen to the pleas of labor and civil rights representatives on this.

By closing the door to peaceful efforts to solve these pressing problems — and by distorting the true intent of his bills — Senator Holmdahl appears to be doing a disservice to those who are sincerely seeking to provide equal opportunity for all — regardless of race, religion or national origin.

## Solving two problems at once

The U.S. Labor Department, under pressure by big growers to spoon-feed them with cheap farm labor, is also alarmed at mounting teenage unemployment, which pushed the overall jobless rate up from 4.7 to 4.9 per cent last month.

The A-TEAM project announced by Labor Secretary Wirtz is an important attempt to do something about summer jobs for youth and harvest labor needs of the growers. Many of us who took a turn at working on farms during the '30s hope the farmers don't destroy this promising program.



## BILLS WOULD REVAMP WORKMEN'S 'COMP.'

From S.F. LABOR

A series of bills that would revamp the state's workmen's compensation laws along lines recommended by the Workmen's Compensation Study Commission was introduced late last month by Assemblyman George N. Zenovich (D.-Fresno).

The bills embody major recommendations of the commission's two year study. They are aimed at strengthening administrative services to help injured workers, providing increased supervision over payments and medical care, as well as a new rehabilitation service.

The Zenovich bills seemed likely to pose tactical problems for the state's labor organizations, since a labor-sponsored bill — A.B. 1227 (Foran) — also proposes similar changes in the workmen's compensation setup.

### PHILLIPS' OBJECTIONS

In part, the decision hinged on analysis of the Zenovich bills embracing the commission recommendations. The bills were not yet in print earlier this week.

In part, too, the decision hinged on how the Zenovich bills proposed to meet a number of questions that were raised in the report by Wendell Phillips, secretary of Bakery Wagon Drivers, Local 484 and labor member of the study commission, in a number of dissents to commission proposals.

A principal question objected to a recommendation that permanent disability ratings be considered at the time the workman presents himself for rating rather than at the date of injury. Labor has always contended the disability rating should be fixed at the earlier date.

Strong objection was seen to a requirement that members of the proposed appeals board should be lawyers. Other state agencies with similar judicial functions are not limited to members who are attorneys.

Other objections called for stricter requirements for approving "compromise and release" settlements. While the report urged such settlements be held to a minimum, it has also been

urged that they should be approved only if in the injured worker's interest.

### CHOICE OF DOCTORS

A recommendation limiting the injured worker's choice of doctor raised eyebrows. Labor has always urged the widest possible choice of doctors (as has the medical profession).

Some observers felt that the study commission report was not recommending strong enough supervision over payments. It has been urged the new administrator of the law be given stronger powers to audit reports and impose penalties for poor performance and unreasonable delays.

It was also urged that the employer responsibility for the cost of rehabilitation should be made clear and unquestioned. And objection has been raised to putting a limit on employer liability for rehabilitation.

### SEPARATE FUNCTIONS

Assemblyman Zenovich said his bills would separate the judicial and administrative functions of the present Industrial Accident Commission. It would create a new commissioner of Industrial accidents to provide information and advisory services to injured workers, to oversee medical care and rehabilitation.

He said, too, the bills would fix temporary disability benefits at levels based upon actual average weekly wages, rather than on a fixed amount that has no relation to actual wages being paid in the state.

He expected the bills to tend to increase the amount and duration of permanent disability awards, though disability ratings of less than five per cent would be eliminated when based solely on the employee's subjective complaint.

The California Labor Federation bill, A.B. 1227, would also establish expanded administrative services as well as a rehabilitation program but in somewhat different form than that proposed by the study commission.

## Censorship

Some blue-nosed old censors one day  
Were required to pass on a play.  
They proclaimed, "If it's clever,  
Our answer is 'never';  
If it puts folks to sleep, it can  
stay."—The Machinist.

## American flag

Why doesn't the John Birch Society launch a campaign to place an American flag atop the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery, instead of the flag of the Confederacy now flying there?—National Labor Service.

## OPINIONS

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## TUITION FEE WOULD LIMIT OPPORTUNITY

Editor, Labor Journal:

One of our nation's most challenging goals relates to how we can make the opportunities of higher education available to larger numbers of our citizens. For the last 13 years, as chancellor of the Berkeley campus and president of the university, I have been seeking funds and programs which would permit an increased number of students from minority and lower income groups to continue their education to the maximum extent of their interests and capabilities.

As student fees increase, as loan funds become more and more burdened, and as the prospect of a tuition charge is threatened, opportunities for enrollment in higher education steadily decrease for some of our citizens. Recently, the State Scholarship Commission completed a study which shows how a tuition fee at the University of California or the California state colleges would prevent large numbers of students from attending those institutions. I hope that this study has come to your attention, but knowing of your interest in this subject I wanted to be sure that you had a copy.

The university appreciates the support it has received over the years from your newspaper, and we hope that, working together, we shall continue to expand the opportunities for higher education to the young people of our state and nation.

CLARK KERR

President,  
University of California

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## UNIONISM'S FUTURE

Editor, Labor Journal:

Revolutionary changes are taking place in America today. Past practices are no longer a criterion for present practices. Many people of the laboring forces no longer believe in unions, and our unions are suffering because of it!

No one in modern America can avoid knowing something about unions and the good they do for everyone in America, union member or not! Many are reaping the harvest sown by labor unions. We can't stop; we must continue to sow the seed of unionism in order to keep America the good nation it is.

Unionism, like religion, must be taught in the home. If it is not, the younger generation will grow up believing that unions are a menace to industry and a burden to the government. We must organize the unorganized and teach the young and old alike that, without unions, our way of life is gone!

BILL CHANDLER,

Member,  
EBMUD Employees 444.

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## KIDNEY CENTERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Parents, relatives, friends, I urge you, where any of your loved ones have nephritis or related kidney diseases, Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris, 15th District, is trying hard to get a bill through to establish two kidney centers in California. Write him. He needs your support and help.

W. A. RIKARD

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## RIGHT?-TO-WORK

There are no rights in "right-to-work." No job rights, no civil rights, no democratic rights. Repeal of Section 14-b will end the "right-to-work" deception.—AFLCIO.